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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

JANUARY 09, 2004

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for January 09, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Ozgur Gundem, Evrensel / Nesip Gultekin, head of the Diyarbakir Kurdish Language Institute, announced that the Institute rented an accommodation in Huzurevleri district for a Kurdish Language School.

3. Ozgur Gundem / In Cinar, Diyarbakir, Akif Inan, an Ozgur Gundem distributor, claimed that he was threatened by the Turkish police on January 6th. Inan stated that he is going to apply to the Diyarbakir Human Rights Organization to complain about the police.

ECONOMIC

4. Hurriyet / Umit Ozgumus, head of the Adana Chamber of Industry, announced that the combined total export of several Adana companies to Iraq was 2 million USD in year 2003.

5. Turkiye / Saban Bas, head of the Adana Chamber of Commerce, announced that agricultural areas in Adana are fertile and foreign investors should be encouraged to invest in agriculture-related investments in the area.

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